


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 14, and 17.

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1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
- identifying a device **[type]** by a unique identifier;
 - obtaining the unique identifier; and
 - using the unique identifier in conjunction with a mapping table,
 - wherein the mapping table contains at least a column containing unique
 - identifiers of devices coupled to a column containing addresses of drivers for
 - those devices, to obtain an address of a driver for the device.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein program instructions obtain the unique identifier.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the driver is obtained from a storage medium.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the mapping table also contains one or more columns that include additional information about the device, the device driver, or the device and the device driver. [program instructions are used in conjunction with a mapping table to obtain a driver address.]

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a mapping table address is obtained from the device.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the mapping table address is obtained by using a service discovery protocol.
7. (Currently Amended) A machine readable storage medium containing executable program instructions which when executed cause a digital processing system to perform a method comprising:
- identifying a device **[type]** by a unique identifier;
 - obtaining the unique identifier; and
 - using the unique identifier **in conjunction with a mapping table,**
- wherein the mapping table contains at least a column containing unique identifiers of devices coupled to a column containing addresses of drivers for those devices,** to obtain an address of a driver for the device.
8. (Original) The machine readable storage medium of claim 7, wherein program instructions obtain the unique identifier.
9. (Original) The machine readable storage medium of claim 7, wherein the driver is obtained from a storage medium.

10. (Currently Amended) The machine readable storage medium of claim 7, wherein the mapping table also contains one or more columns that include additional information about the device, the device driver, or the device and the device driver.

[program instructions are used in conjunction with a mapping table to obtain a driver address.]

11. (Original) The machine readable storage medium of claim 7, wherein a mapping table address is obtained from the device.

12. (Original) The machine readable storage medium of claim 11, wherein the mapping table address is obtained by using a service discovery protocol.

13. (Original) The machine readable storage medium of claim 7, wherein the unique identifier is represented by one of a manufacturer, a device class, a model number and a subnumber.


14. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a processor; and


a memory coupled to the processor comprising a machine-readable medium having a machine-readable program embodied therein for directing operation of the system, the computer-readable program comprising:

identifying a device [type] by a unique identifier;

obtaining the unique identifier; and

 using the unique identifier in conjunction with a mapping table,
wherein the mapping table contains at least a column containing
unique identifiers of devices coupled to a column containing addresses
of drivers for those devices, to obtain an address of a driver for the
device. [to a mapping table; and]

[an interconnect allows the data to be transported between the
memory and the processor.]

 15. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein program instructions obtain the
unique identifier.

16. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the driver is obtained from a
storage medium.

17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the mapping table also
contains one or more columns that include additional information about the device,
the device driver, or the device and the device driver. [program instructions are
used in conjunction with a mapping table to obtain a driver address.]

18. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein a mapping table address is
obtained from the device.

19. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the mapping table address is obtained by using a service discovery protocol.

20. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the unique identifier is represented by one of a manufacturer, a device class, a model number and a subnumber.
